

The American Samoa Amateur Radio Assoc ASARA, the association for resident radio amateurs in American Samoa, strongly supports the comments of the ARRL in this proceeding. The early assignment of the 7100-7200 frequencies to the FCC licensed radio amateurs in Region 1 and 3, including Am Samoa would significantly improve our capability to communicate during emergencies. The recent Typhoon which damaged Am Samoa demonstrated the need for improved communication in the range supported by this frequency allocation. No harm would be caused to the Broadcast Service (primary user) by this early allocation to the Amateur Radio Service (secondary user) in Am Samoa.

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(Note: the foregoing was submitted by the law firm of Booth, Freret, Imlay & Tepper, P.C. because the FCC ECFS is incapable of permitting individuals from American Samoa to file comments. There is no opportunity to submit comments with the "AS" indicator in place of the State. Thus, residents of American Samoa have been precluded from filing comments in this proceeding.)